



wherein:

R^1 and R^2 are the same or different and are selected from the group consisting of: H; ($\text{C}_1 - \text{C}_6$) alkyl; benzyl; phenyl; ω -amino ($\text{C}_2 - \text{C}_6$) alkyl; ω -hydroxy ($\text{C}_2 - \text{C}_6$) alkyl; $-(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{SO}_2\text{OH}$ and $-(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{COOH}$, in which m is 1 or 2, as well as their amides; $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{P}(\text{O})(\text{OR}')_2$ with $n = 1, 2$ or 3 and $\text{R}' = \text{H}, \text{CH}_3$, or C_2H_5 ; o -, m - or p - $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{SO}_2\text{NH}_2$; and o -, m - or p - $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_3^+$; or R^1 and R^2 together form an ethylene-, trimethylene- or bismethylene imino group;

R^3 in formula IV is selected from the group consisting of: para- or meta-phenylene; 1,4-, 1,3- or 2,6-naphthylene; ($\text{C}_2 - \text{C}_6$) alkylene; $-\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{NH}-\text{C}_2\text{H}_4-$; $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{NH}-\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{NH}-\text{C}_2\text{H}_4-$; $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{O}-\text{C}_2\text{H}_4-$; and $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{NHCONH}-\text{C}_6\text{H}_4-$;

R^4 is selected from the group consisting of: H; ($\text{C}_1 - \text{C}_3$) alkyl; aminoethyl; and aminopropyl; or both R^4 groups together form ethylene or propylene;

R^5 in formulas III and IV is selected from the group consisting of: Cl; OH; Ocell in which cell is an anhydroglucose unit of cellulose; and OR^6 , or NHR^6 in which R^6 stands for a dye group;

and wherein q is the average degree of substitution per glucose unit and is 1 to 3.

Please cancel claim 10 without prejudice or disclaimer.

II. REMARKS

Preliminary Remarks

The applicants would like to thank the examiner for the clarification of the restriction requirement.

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-9 and 11-17 will be at issue, of which claims 1 and 9 are independent. This amendment is timely filed within the shortened statutory period for reply. Therefore, the applicants believe that no fee is due.

Claim 9 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 10, which has been